Handing over of public sector dairies to Delhi Administration

2694. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Statesman dated the 10th February, 1989 regarding wide resentment against unjustified price rise of milk by public sector dairies in Delhi; and

(b) whether Government propose to hand over both the Dairies to Delhi Administration in view of the total failure of the Ministry of Agriculture in running DMS and Mother Dairy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, the increase in prices of milk sold by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, Delhi was necessitated by:—

(i) higher procurement prices of fresh milk paid to rural producers;

(ii) increase in the prices of conserved commodities like Butter Oil, Skim Milk Powder and Butter used for recombination;

(iii) increase in other operating and overhead costs.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Unemployment in the country

2695. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment in the country is growing;

(b) if so, what is the total number of unemployed in the rural and urban sectors; and

(c) what remedial measures Government is considering to adopt to considerably bring down unemployment problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Available informatoin is the one given in the Seventh Five Year Plan Document. According to that source, the usual status unemployment in the age group 6+ was 9.20 million in March 1985 of which 4.97 million was in rural areas and 4.23 million in urban areas. Similar information for a later period is not available.

(c) The central element of the development strategy in the Seventh Plan is generatoin of productive employment. This objective is proposed to be achieved through various sectoral development programmes, suplemented by a number of special employment programmes such as National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Self-Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) and Self-Employment Programme for urban Poor (SEPUP). The Union budget proposals for the year 1989-90 *inter-alia* provide for a new intensive Rural Employment Programme which will provide additional funds to selected 120 districts which are backward and suffer from acute unemployment. This new programme will allow fuller employment opportunities to at least one member of each family living below the poverty line. The funds of the scheme will be in addition to the provision available to the districts under NREP|RLEGP. The budget provides for this new programme a sum of Rs. 500 crores in 1989-90

Telecast of films five days a week

2696 SHRI RAM CHANDRA VI. KAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for introducing five movies in a week for telecast on Televison specially when the final examina-